

**PROTOCOLS, MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
September 16, 2004

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Gallagher III	Terence Mason
Janine Anderson	Terry Shine
Steven Curry	Dr. David Bank (non-voting)
Sue Kern	

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Patricia Ellis  
Charles Finch  
Marc Holyfield  
Rob Jarvis

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

John Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

**II. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion was made by Terence Mason, seconded by Janine Anderson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by vote of 6 (yes) to 0 (no).

**III. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE MINUTES – February 19, 2004**

An error in the Minutes was pointed out by Dr. Curry: On page 2, Section B, third paragraph should read “... *Standard solution: Dilute 100mg (20ml) in NS 80ml (1 mg/ml) ...*”. Motion was made by Terence Mason, seconded by Terry Shine, to approve the Minutes with the one correction. Motion carried by vote of 6 (yes) to 0 (no).

**IV. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

John Gallagher reported that the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (“Bureau”) has a new Medical Director effective this week and his name is Dr. Bentley Bobrow. It was explained that Dr. Bobrow was unable to attend this meeting due to scheduling conflicts, but that he will be attending the three committee meetings next Thursday and Friday (i.e., the State Trauma Advisory Board meeting on Thursday and the Medical Direction Commission and Emergency Medical Services Council meetings on Friday).

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion and Action on Revision of Arizona Department of Health Services (“ADHS”) Recommended Minimum Standard Pediatric Prehospital Protocols used by Arizona Emergency Medical Technicians: Presented by David Bank, M.D.**

A handout entitled, “Algorithmic Pediatric Protocols” was distributed to the Committee. Dr. Bank gave an update on the State Pediatric Protocols. He stated that we distributed to all the different regions a request for coming up with some standards of care for different clinical situations. The responses were compiled by Vicki Conditt, the Bureau Trauma Services Coordinator, and sent back to the regions for final review. Dr. Bank said that the 20 to 25 suggestions would not change the content of any of the work the regions did but are more “housekeeping” that would make the Algorithms clearer to the personnel out in the field. He proposed that Vicki go back into the original Algorithms that were distributed to all of the regions and incorporate the suggestions into the Algorithms and then let Dr. Bank check it over and bring it to the next PMD meeting for a final circulation and look by the different members from the different regions in this committee and then bring it to a vote. The Committee members agreed and a motion by Terry Shine and seconded by Dr. Curry to table this item until the next meeting was presented to the Committee. The motion passed by vote of 6 (yes) to 0 (no).

**B. Discussion and Action on Addition of Nalmefene HCl (Alternative Drug Listed in R9-25-803, Exhibit 1) as an Optional Drug: Presented by John Gallagher, M.D.**

Dr. Gallagher said that the purpose of adding Nalmefene HCl as an optional drug to the drug list is that sometimes there is a shortage of Narcan and, if that happens, this would provide the hospitals with an alternative drug to order and use. A motion made by Dr. Curry, seconded by Sue Kern, to allow the addition of Nalmefene HCl as an optional drug to the drug list was presented to the Committee. The motion passed by a vote of 6 (yes) to 0 (no).

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion and Action on Addition of Vaponefrin as an Optional or Required Drug to the Drug List for use by ALS Personnel: Presented by John Gallagher, M.D.**

Dr. Gallagher said that MDC Committee will be looking at Zophenex as an optional or required drug to the Drug List on September 24 and he feels we should wait to see the outcome of that item before making a decision on Vaponefrin. A motion was made by Dr. Curry and seconded by Terry Shine to table this item. The motion passed by a vote of 6 (yes) to 0 (no).

**B. Discussion and Action on the Revision of the Drug Lists in R9-25-803: Presented by Janine Anderson, R.N.**

Janine's suggestion for revision of the Drug Lists is getting rid of the "concentration" parts of the Drug Box List and just putting a supply range with how many milligrams they wanted the medics to carry. The reasoning for this is that sometimes the pharmacies will send out drugs with a difference concentration than what is required and, when this happened, the ambulance companies were being written up as having a deficiency. After a discussion ensued, a motion was made by Janine, seconded by Dr. Curry, stating that the Drug Lists in R9-25-803 specify only the milligram amount ranges as opposed to the concentration. The motion passed by a vote of 6 (yes) to 0 (no).

**C. Discussion and Action on Addition of Midazolam (Versed®) to the Intravenous Infusions to be Monitored by Appropriate Level of EMT Personnel (Interfacility Drug Transport List): Presented by Janine Anderson, R.N.**

Janine stated that perhaps it was an oversight that when midazolam was approved as an optional drug for the Drug Box, that it was not also put on the Drug List for Interfacility Transport. A motion was made by Dr. Curry, seconded by Terence Mason, to add midazolam (Versed®) to the intravenous infusions to be monitored by appropriate level of EMT personnel (Interfacility Drug Transport List). The motion passed by vote of 6 (yes) to 0 (no).

**VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**VIII. MEMBERS' EDUCATIONAL and INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Terry Shine informed the Committee that tomorrow (Friday, September 17) the Second Annual Challenges in Critical Care will be put on by Maricopa Medical Center.

B. Terence Mason commented that Dr. Brophy has retired from Mesa Fire Department and Dr. Gary Smith will be taking over as Medical Director.

**IX. NEXT MEETING**

John Gallagher reported that the next meeting of the PMD Committee is scheduled for November 18, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be at the ADHS Building located at 150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 540A, Phoenix.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

John Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Larry Lorenzen

Approved by Committee on 2/17/05